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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KIT YENG LIM  
JEFF W. MOEHLNBRUCK

Serial No.: 10/023,911

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO  
STABILIZE AND REPAIR AN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Anuradha Ramana

Attorney Docket: 2103.014100/RFE  
(SBI-100)

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed

on \_\_\_\_\_

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment      iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations      iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. 

Miscellaneous
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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall  
not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. 

Fees
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 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account  
No. 50-0786/2103.014100RE if check missing or insufficient.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790 enclosed

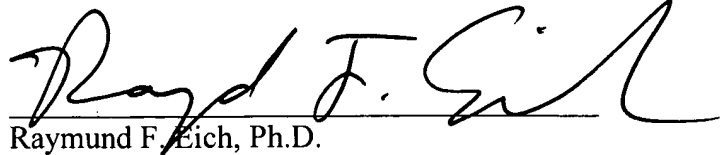
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

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